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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in Civic Offices on Tuesday 12th March 2024
commencing at 7.00pm and livestreamed on Facebook.**

Present:

Mayor Cllr. P. Davis	Cllr. L. Carter Arriving at 7.05pm	Cllr. S. de Launey	Cllr S. Day Arriving at 7.07pm	Cllr. R. Snell
Cllr. K. Tomlinson	Cllr J. Pierce	Cllr. S. Williams	Cllr. J. McGinn	Cllr. C. Barker
Cllr. L. Woolley	Cllr. J. Gorse	Cllr. G. Cook	Cllr M. Jobe	

In attendance. Rev Tim Carter, one member of the public and Karen Roper CEO.

7.00pm Public Open Session

Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked Reverend Carter to lead prayers.

Rev. Carter asked everyone to pray for the YMCA and TACT teams who help those who are homeless and end up living on the edges of our society. He asked everyone to pray for and thank those teams dedicated to helping people who are recovering from homelessness, addiction and mental health issues.

Cllr Davis thanked Rev. Carter and his team for prayers and for delivering a really positive and joyful Civic Service which allowed the Mayoral charities, namely the YMCA and TACT to showcase their work in the community.

7.05pm Full Council Agenda.

98/23 Mayor to call for apologies – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Latter, Hosken, Holding, Ahmed, Luter, Jinks and Lowe.

The following members agreed accept the above apologies. Voting in favour were Cllrs, Davis, Tomlinson, Woolley, Carter, Pierce, Gorse, de Launey, Williams, Cook, Day, McGinn, Jobs, Snell and Barker. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

99/23 To receive declarations of interest – None were declared.

100/23 To Receive and approve the minutes of Full Council held on 13th February 2024.
Cllr Pierce proposed the minutes as a true and accurate record and was seconded by Cllr Gorse.

The following members voted in favour of agreeing the minutes Cllrs, Davis, Woolley, Pierce, Gorse, de Launey, Williams, McGinn, Jobe and Snell.

The following Cllrs abstained Tomlinson, Barker and Cook as they were not present at the last meeting. There were no votes against.

7.05 Cllr Carter joined the meeting

7.07 Cllr Day joined the meeting

101/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes –

- **Response from Mark Pritchard MP.** The Clerk had circulated a letter to all members from Mark Pritchard MP responding to the Town Council's letter relating to the Hospitals Transformation Programme and the Wrexham, Shropshire and Midlands Railway Proposals. The Mayor asked for comments from members.

Cllr Barker responded by making the following statement;

Mark Pritchard's letter dated 24th January is in response to the Town Council's letter of 21st November regarding the proposed move of the Accident and Emergency from the Princess Royal Hospital. The relevant motion urged him to publicly oppose such a move. It was passed unanimously by Town Councillors close to their communities and well placed to voice the concern of residents.

In his reply Mark Pritchard does not take the opportunity to publicly oppose the move. However he has chosen to bring party politics into the debate.

Cllr Carter said the letter demonstrates a total disregard of a cross party view representing circa 29,000 residents, and in his view the MP seems to be making his own choices about what he would like Town Council to support.

Members agreed to note the letter and continue with our own campaign.

102/23 To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to note the recommendations therein.

- a) **Policy and Resources Committee Meeting dated 06.02.24** – Cllr Carter presented the minutes and made the following comments.

- He gave thanks to Clerk and staff for their hard work.
- The Town Council's Banking arrangements are now accessible and day to day finances had been moved to Unity Bank.
- 5 grants have been awarded to very worthy organisations and one organisation has been asked for further information.
- Levelling Up Money had been received to develop Church Street.
- Payroll had moved to T&W but the Service User Number had not been received.
- A Personnel Committee report would be provided at the next Full Council meeting. Cllr Lowe asked for confirmation of the Chairman of the Personnel Committee, Cllr Carter confirmed membership of Personnel committee and that the Chairman is Cllr de Launey.
- The Mayor said the CPR and Choking hazards training offer for 100+ people was progressing well. The aim was to deliver this project under budget working with local health providers. Venues were being identified and information was being compiled for social media. The objective was to train around 100+ people in Wellington

- b) **Planning Committee Meeting reports dated 14.02.24 & 06.03.24** – Cllr Snell presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14.02.24. The committee had attached a response to the local plan to these minutes. He thanked, Maryn, Jim, Lionel for all their work on this reply. The planning minutes of 6th March were presented to members and there were no questions.

- c) **Events and Communications dated 27.02.24-** Cllr Barker rose to present the minutes of the meeting. Actions on the final page were to try and get more involvement, participation and support from Town Council members at Town and Love Wellington Events. Cllr Barker said the calendar would be re circulated and requests for assistance and involvement from Councillors would be made. He asked members to attend our events and make the offer of help to our staff. There were no comments.

103/23 The Regeneration Board meeting of 15th February 2024 – The minutes were circulated and presented by Cllr de Launey. There were no questions from members.

104/23 Community Action Team Reports – These were circulated by the Clerk. The Mayor reminded members that they can raise issues with the Clerk by email at any time.

105/23 The next full council meeting date was agreed as 9th April 2024

Chairman.....9th April 2024